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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MILLER ET AL.

Examiner

Thu-Thao Havan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 February 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

This application has been filed with formal drawings on February 28, 2001, which are accepted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims **1-22** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Tanaka et al. (US patent no. 5,907,317).

Re claims **1, 8, and 15**, Tanaka discloses a graphing calculator having a points of interest user interface (col. 1, lines 12-25) comprising: a screen capable of displaying at least straight lines in any direction and a cursor (col. 4, lines 26-53; figs. 4 and 5g); a key panel having keys at least capable of selecting positions of cursor and moving cursor horizontally or vertically on screen (col. 5, line 43 to col. 6, line 11; fig. 1); a processor for executing programming (fig. 1) that provides a point of interest user interface having the following steps: a) providing an input display to allow the user to define a plurality of equations, inequalities and vertical lines (col. 5, lines 43-49), b) graph the defined equations, inequalities and vertical lines (fig. 4 and 5g), c) provide a

points of interest display screen, and d)allow the user to jump the cursor between intersection points with a single key command on the points of interest display screen (col. 9, line 39 to col. 10, line 57).

Re claims **2 and 16**, Tanaka teaches store the location of the cursor at desired points with a store command that comprises a single key stroke (col. 9, lines1-14; figs. 9a-9e). In figure 9a to 9e, Tanaka teaches the key operations involved in the coordinate data boxing process performed by the computer.

Re claims **3, 9, and 17**, Tanaka teaches display the stored points of interest and use the stored points of interest for other calculator functions (col. 5, lines 27-30; col. 1, lines 5-10).

Re claims **4, 10, and 18**, Tanaka teaches input equations, inequalities and lines using a Y=Editor and an X=Editor (col. 6, line 39 to col. 7, line 18).

Re claim **5**, Tanaka teaches an indication on the display of the current coordinates of the cursor (col. 8, lines 7-59). The current coordinates of the cursor is in black and the user can change it to different color code.

Re claims **6-7, 11-12, and 19-20**, Tanaka teaches an indication on the display of which equation, inequality or vertical lines contributed to the point of interest indicated at the cursor location includes the intersection symbol for equations that include the line and does not use the intersection symbol for strict inequalities (figs. 5a to 8). In figure 8, Tanaka teaches the stored cursor position to graph the color-coded coordinates.

Re claims **13 and 21**, Tanaka teaches an algorithm to computer intersection points using a numerical root-finder which uses XMIN and XMAN for the graph window

as the upper and lower bounds on the solution and the initial guess taken as the current cursor position (col. 4, line 26 to col. 6).

Re claims **14 and 22**, Tanaka teaches ...the Simplex algorithm (figs. 5a-5g).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Phipps et al., US patent no. 5,532,946

McCannon, US patent no. 5,050,312

Akaza et al., US patent no. 5,739,823

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu-Thao Havan whose telephone number is (703) 308-7062. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (703) 305-4713.

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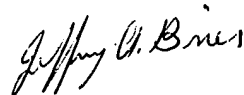
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